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EXPANSION OF BIO-FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy for the large scale expansion of Bio-farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance provided by the Government to the farmers for Bio- farming, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The farming system which is devoid of the use of any kind of chemicals such as fertilizers as nutrient source and insecticides/pesticides as plant protection measures can be referred as bio-farming/organic farming. The Government encourages and promotes the integrated nutrient and integrated pest management system. This involves the use of biofertilisers, compost/vermi compost, green manures in conjunction with chemical fertilizers as nutrient source to the crops. Integrated Pest Management involves the biological and mechanical means in conjunction with chemical pesticides as effective measures for plant protection. With a view to promote the organic farming, the Ministry of Agriculture had set up a Task Force on Organic Farming, with the objective to assess the scope, potential and extent of organic farming in the country. At present, there is no scheme exclusively for organic farming/bio-farming.